

State Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2019 at 9:00AM EDT

T. Furth Center for Performing Arts and Ryan Concert Hall

500 West Maumee, Angola, IN 46703

Board Members Present: Mr. BJ Watts (Chair), Mr. Gordon Hendry (Secretary) via phone, Ms. Kate Mote (Vice Chair), Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Dr. Steve Yager, Mr. Gregory Gastineau, Mr. Tony Walker, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Dr. David Freitas via phone, and Mrs. Cari Whicker

Board Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order

- a. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by a voice vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from April 10, 2019 approved by a voice vote.

IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. Mr. Watts recognized Board member Dr. Yager on his final meeting with the board as well as thanking Trine University for hosting.
 - i. Dr. Brooks, president of Trine University, thanked the Board for their work, and gave an overview of Trine's highly acclaimed School of Education.

V. Board Members Comments and Reports

- a. Ms. Whicker commended Trine University on their academic programs and commitment to excellence.
- b. Mr. Walker commended Trine on their education programs and licensure.
- c. Mr. Hendry updated the Board on the passage of a Virtual Education Bill by the Indiana General Assembly. He also reminded the Board that this week is the National Day of Remembrance for the Holocaust, and urged teachers to have discussions in their classrooms about the importance of remembering what happened. Finally, he thanked Dr. Yager for his service.

VI. Public Comment

- a. No public comments.

VII. Consent Agenda – Consent agenda approved unanimously by voice vote.

- i. **A-F Appeals: Edgewood Intermediate School**
- ii. **State Perkins V Transition Plan**
- iii. **2019-2020 ADM Count Dates**
- iv. **Freeway Waiver: Christian Academy of Indiana**
- v. **Freeway Renewal: North Star Montessori**
- vi. **Employability Skills Standards**

- vii. **Industry Certification List**
- viii. **CTE Cooperative: Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe**

VIII. New Business – Action

- a. **Intervention – South Bend Transformation Zone** – Staff recommendation for Board Approval
 - i. Todd Cummings from South Bend Community Schools presented on behalf of the transformation zone. Mr. Cummings emphasized SBCSC’s commitment to an autonomous transformation zone system. Zone partners ERS and Empower Schools echoed sentiments and shared excitement for the future.
 - ii. Motion to approve passed unanimously with the addition of a requirement of Board approval of SBCSC’s Transformation Zone director.
- b. **Choice Waiver: Faith Academy** – Staff recommendation that waiver request be denied.
 - i. Request denied 10-0; Dr. Freitas was unavailable.

IX. Discussion

a. Turnaround Academy Update

i. Madison STEAM

- 1. Dr. Wendy Folk, Director of Elementary Schools, and Ms. Deb Martin, Principal, presented on behalf of the Madison STEAM Academy.
- 2. Madison boasted growth in ELA and Math. Accountability scores allowed the school to receive its first “C” rating following consecutive “F” scores. The school extended the day by 30 minutes in the morning for all students. Madison STEAM now has its first active PTO group for the first time in a decade.

ii. Theodore Roosevelt

- 1. Marshall Emerson, superintendent of the Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, spoke for the Turnaround Academy.
 - a. The school shared it anticipates increased high school graduation rates from 40% to 63% for the current school year.
 - b. In spite of leadership changes and facilities issues, Mr. Emerson was confident that the center will be able to accomplish their five year milestones.
 - c. Mr. Walker asked Mr. Emerson what the “end-game” was for Edison. Mr. Emerson responded that the relationship between the school and the community is a partnership, with the end goal of continuing along the current trajectory.

iii. Kokomo Transformation Zone

- 1. Amanda Landrom, Principal at Bon Air Middle School presented on behalf of the transformation zone.
- 2. The Zone has implemented a 13% increase in pay for teachers, and plans to increase the length of the school day. The Zone also has been investigating performance-based pay for the 2020-21 school year.

b. Assessment Update

- i.** Dr. Flores, from DOE, updated the SBOE on I-AM and ILEARN testing. About 3,000 help desk cases have come in over the last 7 days of testing. The DOE has fielded about 200 calls per day with administrative policy questions. 1.5 million tests have been completed so far, at about 50%.

X. Adjournment